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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: HOSPITALS DEVELOPMENT

1. CURRENT STATUS OF SAG MINISTRY OF HEALTH PLANS FOR HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT AS FOLLOWS: LONG TERM PLANNING ENVISAGES 50 NEW HOSPITALS, BASED ON TEN PROTOTYPE DESIGNS BEING DEVELOPED BY BRITISH FIRM WALLACE EVANS. THE TEN PROTOTYPES INCLUDE ONE FOR 50-BED GENERAL HOSPITAL EXPANDABLE TO 100 BEDS; ANOTHER FOR 100 BEDS EXPANDABLE TO 200 BEDS; AND A VARIETY OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS SUCH AS MATERNITY, CHEST, INFECTIOUS DISEASES, ETC. WE HAVE CONFLICTING REPORTS ON WHEN DESIGNS WILL BE COMPLETED--DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH SAYS NEXT MARCH (HE MAY HAVE BEEN REFERRING ONLY TO GENERAL HOSPITAL DESIGNS); A MINISTRY CONSULTANT SAYS 18 MONTHS. (AN INDICATOR OF HOSPITAL COSTS IN THIS REGION IS A RECENT DOLS100 MILLION CONTRACT FOR TWO HOSPITALS TOTALING 750 BEDS IN ABU DHABI.)

2. MINISTRY HAS CONTRACTED FOR THE SERVICES OF "UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATES FOR INTERNATIONAL HEALTH" TO PERFORM AN ALL-EMBRACING HEALTH SERVICES STUDY FOR THE KINGDOM. UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATES IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION COMPRISED OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS FROM THE STAFFS OF HARVARD, JOHN HOPKINS, AND AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT. U.S. ADDRESS IS P.O. 38, NORTH SCITUATE, MASS., 02060.
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